

CLAIMS

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

- 1 **1.** A dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve comprising:
2 a rod having a predetermined length;
3 a handle perpendicular and attachable to one end of said rod;
4 a looped hook removal end at the opposite end of the rod from the
5 handle; and
6 a bite sleeve surrounding the rod.

- 1 **2.** The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:
2 said rod is steel;
3 said looped hook removal end is blunt; and
4 said rod has an angled portion above said looped hook removal end.

- 1 **3.** The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:
2 said bite sleeve surrounding said rod is plastic;
3 said bite sleeve is sized at least half said length of said rod;
4 said bite sleeve is cylindrical; and
5 said bite sleeve is movable on the rod.

- 1 **4.** The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:
2 said handle is welded to said rod.

- 1 **5.** The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:
2 said handle is cylindrical.

1 6. A method for using a dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve
2 consisting of a rod having a predetermined length; a handle perpendicular and
3 attachable to one end of said rod; a looped hook removal end at second end of the
4 rod opposite the handle; and a bite sleeve surrounding the rod comprising the steps
5 of:

- 6 a. holding the bite sleeve close to the handle;
- 7 b. placing the device on a fishing line leader at a 90 degree angle
8 with the looped hook removal end facing upwards;
- 9 c. pulling the handle towards a user while maintaining leader
10 tension until the looped hook removal end engages the fishing
11 line leader;
- 12 d. turning the handle 1/4 turn clockwise so the leader is in the
13 center of the looped hook removal end;
- 14 e. releasing the bite sleeve so it falls to the bottom of the rod;
- 15 f. inserting the looped hook removal end into a mouth of an animal;
- 16 g. inserting the bite sleeve into the mouth of an animal;
- 17 h. sliding the rod further into the animal, following the leader;
- 18 i. giving a sharp jab downward on the handle when the looped
19 hook end is resting on an ingested hook;
- 20 j. pulling the rod out of the animal until it stops at the bite sleeve;
21 and
- 22 k. removing the entire device from the animal when the animal
23 opens its mouth.

1 **7. The method claim of claim 6 wherein:**
2 **said animal is a fish.**

1 **8. The method claim of claim 6 wherein:**
2 **said animal is a turtle.**

1 **9. The method claim of claim 6 wherein:**
2 **said animal is a shark.**